Recognition of IIMC's Diplomas

2968. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether degree/diploma awarded by prestigious organisations *i.e.* Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), New Delhi in the field of Public Relations are not being recognised and considered by organisations like ONGC in the recruitment procedure;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure recognition of these degrees/diplomas by ONGC;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has reported that degree/diploma awarded by Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), New Delhi, is of one year duration. Under the recruitment regulations of ONGC in vogue, qualifications prescribed for employment in ONGC in the discipline of Public Relations are 1st Class Post Graudate degree or minimum 2 years diploma in Public Relations/Journalism/Mass Communication. As such, if one year degree/diploma awarded by IIMC is considered for employment in ONGC, it may cause repercussions in recruitments in other disciplines, where the prescribed qualification is Post Graduate degree or diploma of two year duration. Hence, the candidates possessing only one year degree/diploma of the IIMC are not considered for employment in ONGC.

Finding of Oil off Yeman Coast

2969. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reliance Industries have found oil off the Yeman Coast;

(b) if so, the estimate of oil and gas in this block; and

(c) by when commercial production is likely to commence from there?